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Welcome to the January 2004 edition and the kickoff to our 6th year of publication. I hope that everyone had a very happy holiday season and a chance for some rest and relaxation. This month I reach a personal milestone, with my 50th birthday on January 5th.

I'd like to wish everyone all the best for the New Year. Let's hope for a safe and peaceful one for the planet in 2004.

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Our Monthly Special Zone for January features sites about Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Chinese New Year and the upcoming Superbowl NFL championship game on February 1st.

We welcome any new subscribers to the Newsletter. We invite everyone to participate by sending contributions for future editions of the Newsletter.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

Last month's survey question was:
"What is the best concert or live performance by an artist or group that you have ever attended?"

22 people responded and, I guess, not surprisingly, we didn't have one artist or group show up twice. We did discover, however, the wide variety of tastes that our subscribers have. We had such diversity in responses, including the Berlin Philharmonic, Yehudi Menuhin, Liberace and Louis Armstrong, to pop/rock acts such as U2, the Cure, Supertramp, the Who, and even a vote for Yanni, plus many others. All very interesting choices.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

At every year-end, Time magazine chooses a "Person of the Year". That person is usually someone famous, influential in world events, politics, entertainment, etc. Their choice for 2003 was "The American Soldier". I ask you all to flash back over the year 2003, think of all those people who made news and headlines, and tell us who you would choose as the "Person of the Year 2003".

Please send your response, by e-mail, to
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THE COMMENTS ZONE

GILLES LETOURNEAU, Montreal, Quebec: You have helped many internet surfers find some great web sites for 5 years and it's really appreciated, at least I do appreciate it a lot! I do have a new year's resolution for 2004, to send at least 1 site per month to this newsletter and I hope others will too!
It's much easier than the regular resolutions of quitting smoking or go on a diet...so why not send in some web sites!

BRIAN JEFFREY, Carp, Ontario: Just a short note of thanks for doing, what must seem a thankless job, your newsletter. I always enjoy it and always find something useful and/or interesting in it.

RAY BAUERNHUBER, Whitestone, New York: Thank you so much for all the work you do on this newsletter. It is very interesting and helpful.

ROGER ODORIZZI, Manson, Washington: I have read your newsletter for quite some time now and always enjoy receiving it monthly. It seems, as always, I am going to try to make a small contribution but it never seems to happen. I just wanted to thank you for the work and effort that goes into your publication and say keep up the good work, happy holidays and thanks again.

THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Our number of contributors picks up a little this month. We hope to hear from more of you in February!

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Ron Walsh, Ottawa, Ontario
Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec
Yahoo Weekly Picks

THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

THE KING CENTER

http://www.thekingcenter.org/tkc/index.asp

Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be celebrated on January 19th. The King Center is the official, living memorial dedicated to the advancement of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of America's greatest nonviolent movement for justice, equality and peace.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html

Chinese New Year this year falls on January 22nd. Learn more about the history and events of the celebration on this web site.

SUPERBOWL 38

http://www.superbowl.com/

If you're an NFL football fan like me, you will be looking forward to the big championship game, Superbowl 38 from Houston, on February 1, 2004. Here is the official webpage for the event.

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KENWOOD TH-F6A TRI-BAND PORTABLE

The New Kenwood TH-F6A is a 144/220/440 MHz transceiver/receiver with dual-channel receive capability in a compact and powerful design. The TH-F6A boasts a list of unique features such as 5 watts on all three bands, a 7.4 Volt 1550 mAh Lithium Ion battery, a built-in CTCSS Encode/Decode/DCS Digital Coded Squelch, plus much more.

For more information on this radio, please refer to:
http://www.kenwood.net/indexKenwood.cfm?do=ProductDetails&ProdID=5019&Group=5

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ACTIVE SIGNALS

http://www.activesignals.com/

VIA Active Signals Webmaster

ActiveSignals.com is a brand new site for anyone into radio monitoring including hams, shortwave and scanner listeners. Active Signals features a forum board for everyone's needs along with a complete members' directory viewable to every registered member.

REEL RADIO'S TOP 40 RADIO REPOSITORY

http://www.reelradio.com/

VIA John Fisher, North Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Here is a GREAT site. It has hundreds of airchecks from the days when Top 40 ruled AM. The site has its own search engine. Just pop in a radio station's call letters or the name of a radio personality. There is great background info, commentary, etc. One great broadcast is WKBW's remake of War of the Worlds, featuring the great Jackson Armstrong and the WKBW news crew. This is fantastic, use your imagination and it will scare the hell out of you. Use their own search engine, type in "War of the Worlds" and you will have over an hour of great radio.

RADIO INFO

http://radio-info.com/

VIA Howard Gontovnick, Chomedey-Laval, Quebec

Stay on top of all the latest developments in the radio business. You'll find news, station and format info, discussion groups, and lots more.

WORLD WAR II SHORTWAVE AND AMATEUR RADIO

http://www.boatphone.com/wrul/main.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Mort Bardfield's personal web page shares some of his experiences as a teen-age short-wave listener during World War II.

REGINALD A. FESSENDEN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

http://www.radiocom.net/Fessenden/

VIA Orn Arnason, Knowlton, Quebec

Voice over radio began in 1906. This site marks the event and the man, all leading up to the 100th anniversary of the event in 2006. Follow it all here at the web site.

VERNON COREA-THE GOLDEN VOICE OF RADIO CEYLON

http://www.vernoncorea.info/

VIA Wilhelm Eilertsen, Oslo, Norway

A tribute site to one of Sri Lanka's outstanding broadcasters also contains interesting information on the story of broadcasting in Sri Lanka.

MDS975 RADIO STATIONS & MEMORABILIA

http://dialspace.dial.pipex.com/town/pipexdsl/r/arar93/mds975/Content/radmem.html

VIA Wilhelm Eilertsen, Oslo, Norway

A collection of radio related information, including much on the history of British radio.

THE JINGLE ARK

http://www.jingleark.co.uk/

VIA Wilhelm Eilertsen, Oslo, Norway

UK based site of radio jingles concentrating mainly on the years 1968-1991, although you will also find a small amount of "modern" material too.

ANTENTOP

http://www.antentop.bel.ru/

VIA Orn Arnason, Knowlton, Quebec

Antentop is free e-magazine, produced in Russia, devoted to antennas and amateur radio.

BANABA DXPEDITION 2004

http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/

VIA Florent Moudar, Tours, France

In April 2004 an International team will be activate the DX country of Banaba (T33) as T33C for a period of about 12 days on amateur radio. Here is the official web page for the dx'pedition.

FREQ OF NATURE

http://www.freqofnature.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a great collection of information relating to scanning and radio monitoring in general. The site currently includes a 2003 radio year in review.

U.K RADIO SCANNER AND WEATHER PAGES

http://users.whsmithnet.co.uk/colin.martin/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Within these pages you will find all the links and information you would ever hope to need about UK amateur radio, scanning and also the much loved British topic of the weather.

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OPTOELECTRONICS "X-SWEEPER" SPECTRUM SWEEPER

Optoelectronics continues to offer the latest in new technology and unique products in RF test equipment. Their latest, the new "X Sweeper" is a near-field receiver with a graphical display that displays the near-field RF (analog only) in a spectrum format, allowing the user to rapidly observe all signals that are present, not just one single frequency at a time. Once a signal is received, the X Sweeper demodulates the FM audio through its built in speaker. With a frequency range of 30MHz - 3GHz, the X Sweeper can sweep and lock onto a broad range of frequencies in a matter of seconds.

For further details on this product, please visit:
http://www.optoelectronics.com/xsweeper.htm

This and all other Optoelectronics products seen on their webpage are available through Radio HF. Please contact Radio HF for pricing details.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE

http://www.nasar.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The National Association for Search and Rescue, Inc., (NASAR) is a not-for-profit membership association dedicated to advancing professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in fields related to search and rescue. NASAR is comprised of thousands of paid and non-paid professionals interested in all aspects of search and rescue - the humanitarian cause of saving lives - throughout the United States and around the world. "... That others may live."

NATION MASTER

http://www.nationmaster.com/

VIA Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

Welcome to NationMaster.com, a massive central data source and a handy way to graphically compare nations. Using an on-line form, you can generate maps and graphs with ease on all kinds of statistics. What's more, you can select exactly which countries you want to include.

JODRELL BANK OBSERVATORY

http://www.jb.man.ac.uk

VIA Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec

This is the web site of the University of Manchester's Jodrell Bank Observatory in the UK. It includes information on the recent Beagle probe's landing on Mars at Christmas.

SQUAWK TALK AVIATION NEWS

http://www.ifr.us/index.php

VIA Robert Ellis, Beaconsfield, Quebec

For aeronautical buffs, find all the latest aviation related news and follow-ups. There are sections on mishaps, security, ATC, history, NASA, etc., plus many forums.

THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEAWAY

http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com/

VIA Ron Walsh, Ottawa, Ontario

This is the official site for the St. Lawrence Seaway. You can get all kinds of information from history to traffic. Under Navigation click on vessel traffic and you get the ships transiting from Montreal to Lake Erie. No tankers, naval or coast guard vessels are listed after 9/11. This is a bilingual site.

GREAT LAKES AND SEAWAY SHIPPING

http://www.boatnerd.com/

VIA Ron Walsh, Ottawa, Ontario

This is the site for great lake shipping buffs. It has news, traffic reports, history, links, camera sites to watch the ships and more; a great site for those who follow the ships on the lakes.

THE INTERCEPTORS

http://library.thinkquest.org/TQ0313043/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This website contains information pertaining to the latest developments in crime fighting technology, namely the new 2003 Ford Interceptor concept. There is also a section on the history of police and their cars, with photos.

THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE INTERNET & HACKING

http://www.wbglinks.net/pages/history/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This may not be the complete history but it is a valid attempt. A complete Internet history will never be obtainable since so much of the history is fragmented, unfounded and unreported.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

2003 SEARCH TERMS OF MASS CURIOUSITY - YAHOO

http://search.yahoo.com/top2003
2003 SEARCH TERMS OF MASS CURIOUSITY -- GOOGLE
http://www.google.com/press/zeitgeist.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Yahoo & Google both compiled some interesting statistics on all manner of topics which people searched on the web using their search engines in 2003. Here are the results

TOOTHPASTE WORLD

http://www.toothpasteworld.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

What does a respectable Michigan dentist do for kicks? Well, once he puts down the drill and local anesthetic, he devotes his time to his collection. And because he's a dentist, his collection covers the wide world of toothpaste -- over 1,000 squeezable tubes strong! This is his web site.

MONOBROW

http://www.monobrow.com/monobro/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

Monobrow.com is a spiffy, professional-looking site completely devoted to guys whose eyebrows go all the way across. Isn't this a great time to be alive? You'll find a fantastic Mono Bro of the Week, video clips of monobrows in action, a mono-match board game, and monobrow grooming tips. Currently famous monobrows include former R.E.M. drummer Bill Berry, Liam Gallagher of Oasis, and perhaps the King of the Monobrows -- Sesame Street's Bert.

FUNNY SADDAM HUSSEIN PICTURES

http://politicalhumor.about.com/library/images/blsaddampictures.htm

VIA Alan Bosch, Burke, Virginia

View a collection of cartoons, funny pictures, and parody art inspired by Saddam Hussein and the war in Iraq.

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WORLD RADIO TV HANDBOOK -- 2004 EDITION

This respected annual includes: schedules, frequencies
and addresses of shortwave broadcast stations,
organized primarily by country. Also includes a
frequency listing of international shortwave broadcast
stations. This is THE publication for every listener.
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THE HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times
quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2MBS, Pierrefonds, Quebec,
and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, February 7
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Big Event 26 -
St. Catharines, Ontario
Location: Canadian Auto Workers Hall, 125 Bunting
Road, St. Catharines, ON
Vendors 7 AM - Public 9 AM to 1 PM
Admission $6.00, Tables $20.00 (includes 1 admission)
Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+)
For tables please call Dave Wilson at 905-262-5588
E-mail: ve3bbn@rac.ca
For all other information call Ron Counsell at
905-688-8137 or e-mail: ve3ndi@rac.ca
Web Page: http://www.qsl.net/ve3vm

February 28
Northern Vermont Winter Hamfest - ARRL Vermont State
Convention - Milton, Vermont
Location: Milton High School, Route 7, Milton, VT
Time: 8 AM to 1 PM
Vendors: Early Vendors Entrance (via rear door) 6:30
Regular Vendor Entrance (via main door) 8 AM
Admission: $5.00. Under 18 years, free. Canadian money
accepted at par from Canadian residents, exact change
only. Cash only, no cheques.
Talk-in: 145.150 (-) WB1GQR. Pre-recorded information
and announcements on 146.67 MHz on the day of the
hamfest.
Information: (802)-879-6589
E-mail at: w1sj@arrl.net
Web page: http://www.ranv.org/milton.html

Saturday - February 28
Burlington Spring Fleamarket - Burlington, Ontario
Location: Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Road, Burlington, Ontario
Vendors 7 AM; Public 9 AM to Noon
Admission $6.00; Tables $10.00
Talk-in VE3RSB 147.210 (+)
Information and Table reservations: Ken Robinson, VE3WN at 905-637-0772. Mail reservations and cheques to Ken Robinson at 1389 Olga Drive, Burlington, ON L7S 1L1
E-Mail: va3wn@rac.ca
Web page: http://www.barc.ca

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that I am actively involved in.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962, entering our 42nd year of operation. Our monthly newsletter, Messenger, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby. Our January 2004 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). Celebrating 16 years on the air, co-host Bill Westenhaver and I present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site, and thanks to the initiative of Ricky Leong, of Brossard, Quebec, you can find the most recent edition of the programme archived at:

http://members.fortunecity.com/crazyaboutradio/

Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@yahoo.com

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL'S MAPLE LEAF MAILBAG

You can hear my bi-weekly "CIDX Report" on The Maple Leaf Mailbag, on Canada's international shortwave broadcaster Radio Canada International, with host Ian Jones. Find the times and frequencies on the new Maple Leaf Mailbag web site at:

http://www.rcinet.ca/Scripts/default.asp?s1=Programmes&s2=ProgrammeLangue&s3=15

SPECIAL NOTE TO RCI MAILBAG FANS: A new Yahoo Group for fans of the RCI Maple Leaf Mailbag programme has just been formed. By joining up, you can share information and comments about the programme, plus chat on-line with other members, and even the hosts of the show! The URL is

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mapleleafmailbag/

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